of the military department concerned may waive the preceding sentence and authorize the center to remain open in a case in which the violation cannot reasonably be remedied within that 90-day period or in which major facility reconstruction is required.

Reports.

(3) If a military child development center is closed under paragraph (2), the Secretary of the military department concerned shall promptly submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report notifying those committees of the closing. The report shall include—

(1) notice of the violation that resulted in the closing and the cost of remedying the violation; and

(2) a statement of the reasons why the violation has not been remedied as of the time of the report.

(g) REPORT ON COOPERATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.—(1) The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall study matters relating to military child care that are of concern to the Department of Justice. The matters studied shall include the following:

(3) Improving communication between the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice in investigations of child abuse in military programs and in the coordination of the conduct of such investigations.

(4) Eliminating overlapping responsibilities between the two departments.

(5) Making better use of government and non-government experts in child abuse investigations and prosecutions.

(6) Improving communication with affected families by the Department of Defense, the Department of Justice, and appropriate State and local agencies.

(7) Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the study required by paragraph (1). The report shall include recommendations on methods for improving the matters studied.

(8) Not later than nine months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report evaluating the findings in the report submitted under paragraph (2).

Establishment.

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DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

(9) PARENT BOARDS.—The Secretary of Defense shall require that there be established at each military child development center a board of parents, to be composed of parents of children attending the center. The board shall meet periodically with staff of the center and the commander of the installation served by the center for the purpose of discussing problems and concerns. The board, together with the staff of the center, shall be responsible for coordinating the parent participation program described in subsection (b).

(10) PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS.—The Secretary of Defense shall require the establishment of a parent participation program at each military child development center. As part of such program, the Secretary of Defense may establish fees for attendance of children at such a center, in the case of parents who participate in the parent participation program at that center, at rates lower than the rates that otherwise apply.